

REMARKS

Amendments

The claims are amended to use language in accordance with conventional US practice. New claims 12-26 are directed to further aspects of the invention and are supported throughout the disclosure. See, e.g., page 11, lines 6-7, page 11, lines 23-35, page 13, lines 4-5, page 13, lines 19-20, and page 18, lines 19-25.

Election of Species

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, applicants hereby elect configuration 1 of Species Set A, configuration 1 of Species Set B, and the arrangement of claim 9 of Species Set C. Claims 1-11 read on the elected species, as well as new claims 12-20 and 24-25. However, clarification is requested.

Configurations 1-8 of claim 8 (Species Set B) are not a set of species that are completely separate from the Configurations of 1-24 of claim 7 (Species Set A). The Configurations of claim 7 are actually generic to the Configurations of claim 8, which is why claim 8 can depend from claim 7. The Configurations of claim 8 further define Configurations of claim 7 by specifying the position of the substrates. For example, Configurations 1 and 2 of claim 8 are both embodiments of Configuration 1 of claim 7.

Additionally, the arrangement of claim 9 is not mutually exclusive from the arrangement of claim 10 (Species Set A). See, for example, the elected Configuration 1 of claim 8. In this Configuration, the +A plate and +C plate are situated on the same side of the switchable liquid crystal cell. In addition, in this Configuration the +A plate is situated between the substrates of the liquid crystal cell.

Thus, clarification is respectfully requested.

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